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ESA 2015 - Call for Papers

Differences, Inequalities and the Sociological Imagination

12th Conference of the European Sociological Association

Prague, Czech Republic, 25 – 28 August 2015

Instructions

Authors are invited to submit their abstract either to the general session or any specific session. Please submit only to **one** session. After abstract evaluation, coordinators will have the chance to transfer papers between sessions where applicable.

Abstracts should not exceed 250 words. Each paper session will have the duration of 1.5 hours. Normally sessions will include 4 papers.

Abstracts **must** be submitted online to the submission platform, see below. Abstracts sent by email cannot be accepted. Abstracts will be peer-reviewed and selected for presentation by the Research Network; the letter of notification will be sent by the conference software system in early April 2015. Abstract submission deadline: **1st February 2015**

Abstract submission platform: www.esa12thconference.eu

If you have further questions on the conference, please visit the conference website. For further information on the Research Networks, please visit www.europeansociology.org.

ESA PhD Workshop in Prague, 23rd and 24th August 2015

Call for Papers

ESA will offer a Pre-conference PhD Workshop in Prague

Focus The theme of the Workshop follows that of the conference: *Differences, Inequalities and the Sociological Imagination*.

The Workshop will focus on the preparation of an article for publication. It will also address career development and provide peer mentoring and opportunities for creating networks with other European doctoral students.

The ESA PhD Workshops are known for their relaxed and active atmosphere and intensive discussions. Some feedback from students on the 2014 ESA PhD Summer School held at the University of York UK:

“It was marvellous. I am assured that I am going the right way. Had the possibility to hear a critique (in a positive manner) from people who really wish to help”.

“Very good event – useful topics, great organisation”.

“Great, very nice and interesting people. Overall I was delighted with the quality of the papers”.

“I can't think of any other opportunity I've had to engage with fellow researches with quite as much intensity (sociology for breakfast!), and it was nice to be able to forget for a short while about all the institutional and political issues surrounding academic work at the moment and just focus on the intellectual side”.

Number of places: we will select 20 PhD students for the course.

Funding will be provided for 3 nights' accommodation (22nd, 23rd, 24th August) and meals in Prague. Up to Euro 300 will be available to each student towards their travel costs

Eligibility: Students registered for a PhD in sociology or allied discipline in a European University. Students must be an ESA member or become an ESA member before the Workshop. <http://www.europeansociology.org/membership.html>

Selection: Participants will be selected following a peer-review process and on the basis of scientific excellence of their proposed paper, but a fair balance between different regions of Europe and areas of sociology will also be considered.

Guidelines for applications: Complete the [application form](#) and a short CV (no more than 2 pages) and send them by email to Ellen Annandale ellen.annandale@york.ac.uk by February 9th 2015. Make sure that your application and CV are in Word (not pdf) format.

If you are selected: you will be required to **submit a full paper (about 7,000 words) by 1st July** to the workshop organizers. This is essential in order to make sure that participants get the most of this workshop; papers will be circulated in advance and allocated to peerdiscussants. We kindly ask you to apply only if you accept these terms of conditions and are prepared to follow the guidelines and deadlines.

Workshop teachers: Ellen Annandale and Ricca Edmondson (co-organisers), Maria Carmela Agodi, Robert Fine and Tally Katz-Gerro

**For more information, please visit the PhD Workshop section on the [conference website](#):
Contact Prof Ellen Annandale ellen.annandale@york.ac.uk**

Call for applications

Junior scholar grants

12th Conference of the European Sociological Association, Prague 2015

Funding: We invite applications for junior scholar travel grants to attend the ESA conference in Prague 2015. ESA will cover 74 grants amounting to 150€ each. The grant will be used to waive the conference fee (the fee for early registration, student if applicable, ESA member) and to cover one night in students' accommodation. Each RN will select two grantees based on excellence while giving preference to applicants from countries undergoing economic recession.

Eligibility:

- Applicants must be PhD students or have had their PhD conferred in 2010 or later.
- Applicants must be paid up members of ESA and the RN they are applying to.
- Applicants can only apply to one RN.
- Applicants are requested to submit an extended abstract (1000 words).

To apply: Please use the abstract submission page on the conference website:

<http://esa12thconference.eu/abstract-submission> and tick the box specifying an application for a travel grant.

Deadlines:

- Abstract submission deadline: February 1st, 2015.
- Notification of results: April 1st, 2015.

For more information please consult the conference website <http://esa12thconference.eu>

Call for Nominations

ESA, election of the President and Executive Board, August 2015

The Nominations Committee launches broad consultations with National Associations, Research Networks, individuals or groups of members to find candidates for the new Executive Committee and the ESA President. We are looking for a good coverage of the candidates by geographic region (East-North-South-West) and according to a gender balance. We also try to follow the representation of different fields of sociological knowledge.

We need between 24 and 28 candidatures to 14 places of the Executive Committee and between 2 and 4 candidatures for the Presidency of the ESA. Candidates for the Presidency should be nominated and seconded by members of the Executive Committee, and/or Co-ordinators of Research Networks and/or National Associations. Each candidature must be accompanied by a curriculum vitae (max 100 words) and a photograph.

Current ESA Executive Committee members that can be candidates for the 2nd round

1. Tiziana Nazio
2. Helena Serra
3. Krzysztof Konecki

Please send proposals by e-mail to:

Carmen Leccardi

President of the Nominations Committee

carmen.leccardi@unimib.it, cc to the ESA office: esa@europeansociology.org

The deadline is 1 March 2015

The Nominations Committee:

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Ruth McDonald

Roberto Cipriani

Tally Katz-Gerro

Robert Fine

Sokratis Koniordos

Laura Horn

Ellen Annandale

Eleonora Vlach

Paris, December 18th, 2014

European Sociological Association

Call for Conference Bids

Where will the 13th ESA Conference take place in 2017?

The 13th Conference of the European Sociological Association will be held in early September 2017. We are currently inviting bids from parties wishing to host the conference.

The deadline for submitting proposals is **Monday 2nd March 2015**.

As recent ESA conferences have been attended by some 2000 to 3000 delegates, the venue must have sufficient capacity in terms of meeting rooms and catering facilities. Rooms have to be granted by the hosting institution. Furthermore, there should be a variety of accommodation available at different price points suitable for all.

Please, note that it will be required to use ConfTool for abstract handling and conference registrations.

Departments or Associations who are interested in hosting the ESA 2017 conference can send their proposals to Gisèle Tchinda-Falcucci, ESA Secretary

(esa@europeansociology.org). Please, note that host institutions should be preferably Academic/research institutes rather than PCOs.

Further information is available in the following PDF document

(http://www.europeansociology.org/docs/conferences/Call_for_Conference_Bids_2017_Dec2014.pdf)

Call for Papers

Structures and Events – a Dialogue between

History and Sociology

7th Annual Seminar of the Bielefeld Graduate School in History and Sociology (BGHS),

29 June to 1 July 2015, Bielefeld University, Germany

www.uni-bielefeld.de/bghs

What are structures? What are events? How do they relate to each other? These questions are of pivotal theoretical and methodological importance both in History and Sociology. They have informed and shaped debates between structuralist and (inter-)actionist theories and between structural and event history. More recently, approaches in both disciplines have begun to focus on the interplay and interdependence of structures and events. These approaches emphasise, for instance, the salience of social practices, cultures of commemoration, historical memories as well as path dependencies and critical junctures. They thereby make the complex and diverse entanglements of structures and events visible, both at the “macro”- and “micro”-levels: At the macro-level certain events disrupt and re-shape social, cultural, economic and political structures and sometimes become elements and/or causes of social transformations (e.g. revolutions, natural catastrophes, discoveries or inventions). At the micro-level, deliberate or accidental violations of behavioural norms can be described as critical events which make the vulnerability of norms visible but simultaneously contribute to their stabilisation and/or transformation. Finally, the interplay of global structures and local events, on which globalisation studies and global history focus, calls into question traditional micro/macro-dichotomies and poses the challenge of their theorisation.

The 7th BGHS Annual Seminar aims to deepen the dialogue between History and Sociology, and especially between junior scholars of both disciplines (PhD students and Postdoc-level) whose work tackles with the differences and entanglements of structures and events. Despite some notable exceptions, both History and Sociology have tended to study these issues within their disciplinary boundaries. The Annual Seminar intends to bring these different traditions of research together in order to identify promising lines of inquiry and to advance a more comprehensive and interdisciplinary understanding of how structures and events relate to each other.

We are therefore interested in theoretical, methodological as well as empirical papers from History and Sociology, but also from related disciplines like Anthropology, Ethnology or Political Science. In order to further the interdisciplinary dialogue we especially welcome papers comparing and combining approaches and insights from various disciplines. Possible topics and questions for papers may include, but are not limited to:

- Promising theoretical approaches: How do the different disciplines theorise and think about “structures” and “events” and the different ways in which they interlink and influence each other? How can approaches and insights from sociology help to better understand relevant questions in history and vice versa?
- Methodological issues: Are events to be construed as evidence, examples, illustrations or manifestations of structures? Can structures be described and studied without referring to events and vice versa? Can structures be reduced to sequences of events or are they to be considered as emergent phenomena?
- Crucial events: What makes some events more important than others? How do certain events become “shapers” or “makers” of social structures and social transformations? What role do

critical moments like lapses or faux pas in face-to-face interaction play not only in their immediate but also in a wider societal context? What do events like the French Revolution, the fall of the Berlin Wall, 9/11, the bankruptcy of Lehman Brothers or the Fukushima nuclear accident tell us about the interplay of structures and events and the possibility/capacity of events to influence and change structures?

- Global structures and local events, local structures and global events: How do global social, economic, political and cultural structures and events impact upon and shape local events and practices? How much “resistance” is possible for local practices and cultures in the face of global structures? And how do some local events become signifiers of globality (e.g. Olympic Games)?
- Historical memories in discourses about the present and future: What role do social and historical memories play in societal discourses and practices? How are some past events construed as “historical lessons” able to guide actors in apparently structurally similar situations (e.g. the Munich conference of 1938 and the effects of “appeasement politics”)? How do societies observe and narrate their history and envisage their future – and what relative weight do they thereby assign to key events (e.g. major wars, declarations of independence) and the continuity or change of certain structures (e.g. the contemporary idea of an ever-faster changing world)?

Please send your proposal (approx. 400 words) to annualseminar@uni-bielefeld.de by **31 January 2015**. Authors of selected proposals will be notified no later than 28 February 2015. The conference papers (approx. 15 to 20 pages) are to be submitted by 15 June 2015.

The BGHS will cover accommodation costs. Participants may additionally apply for a grant for their travel expenses if they have no other institutional sources of funding.

For further information on the BGHS, please visit our website at www.uni-bielefeld.de/bghs

Call for Paper, Panel, and Roundtable Proposals

Deadline 15 January, 2015

The Worlds of Violence

9th Pan-European Conference on International Relations

Wednesday 23 – Saturday 26 September 2015, Giardini Naxos, Sicily, Italy

Organised by the European International Studies Association

in cooperation with the University of Catania

The programme chairs of the 9th Pan-European Conference on International Relations invite paper, panel, and roundtable proposals for submission to any of the 64 sections on the 2015 programme:

- S1. Antonio Gramsci: Violence, Coercion and Resistance
- S2. Assembling Conflict Expertise: Competing Knowledge / Heterogeneous Experts
- S3. Beyond Production: Situating Social Reproduction – Household, Community, Global Political Economy?
- S4. Biopolitics and Violence in International Relations
- S5. Conflict Dynamics and Sub-State Political Violence: (Re)thinking Contentious Politics in Times of

Unrest

- S6. Construction(s) of the field of IR
- S7. Crises of Inclination and Imagination? Ethics, Violence and the Politics of Protection
- S8. Critical International Political Economy in a Turbulent World
- S9. Critical Military Studies
- S10. Decolonizing International Relations
- S11. Economic Growth in Middle-Income Countries
- S12. Empires, Elites and War
- S13. Ethics and Security
- S14. Europe's Commitment to the Responsibility to Protect in a Changing World
- S15. Feminist Global Political Economy
- S16. Geographies of Humanitarian Protection: Engagements with Violence and Place
- S17. Geographies of Violence
- S18. Geopolitics in Europe: Power, Crisis and the Return of Territory
- S19. Global Conversations
- S20. Global Health and International Relations
- S21. Governance in Geopolitical Landscapes in Transition
- S22. Historical International Relations
- S23. Imitation, Desire and Violence: Transdisciplinary Mimetic Approaches to Global Politics
- S24. (In)security in the Global Mediterranean: Between Conflict and Cooperation
- S25. International Migration and International Security: From the Securitization of Migration to Making Migration Secure for People?
- S26. International Migration and the Visible and Invisible Forms of Violence
- S27. International Theory and the Ethics of Political Violence
- S28. Law's Violence
- S29. The Legacy of Foucault in International Relations: Querying the Bases, Boundaries and Possibilities
- S30. Maritime Security
- S31. Modes and Forms of Insurgency in the Contemporary World
- S32. More-than-Human Worlds of Violence
- S33. Non-Europeans' Europe: Between Violence and Amity
- S34. Philosophical perspectives on Emotions, Violence and Peace-building Processes
- S35. Political Violence and Resistance
- S36. Politics in Times of Anxiety
- S37. The Politics of Global Connectivities
- S38. The Politics of (In)Security: Securitization, Technocratisation or (Re)Politicisation?
- S39. Popular and Cultural Configurations of International Politics: Artifacts of the Popular Beyond Mimesis
- S40. 'Post' Interventions: Poststructuralism, Postcoloniality and Questions of 'After' in World Politics
- S41. Power Politics in History, Theory, and Contemporary Practice
- S42. Power Shifts and International Institutions
- S43. Reflecting a European Century of Violence: Reappraising Traditions of International Political Theory in Europe
- S44. Reflective Methodologies and the Challenge of Doing Methods
- S45. Resilience > LEGITIMACY < Resistance
- S46. Rethinking International Security: Technology, Law and Theory
- S47. Re-thinking, Re-imagining, Re-writing Sexual Violence
- S48. Scandalous Economics
- S49. Securing the Atmospheric: On Shifting, Melting, Rising, and Geo-Engineered Boundaries
- S50. Security Beyond the State: The Role of the EU
- S51. The State and the Growth Conundrum in the Current Capitalist Crisis
- S52. Symbolic Violence in Diplomatic Practice
- S53. Terrorism as a Phenomenon and Object of Study
- S54. Theory and Critique of Capitalism
- S55. Transnational Religion, Conflict and Dialogue
- S56. Violence, Agency and Critique in a World of Complexity
- S57. Violence and Critical Approaches to Security
- S58. Violence and the English School of IR
- S59. Violence in the Post-Soviet Area
- S60. Violence, Order and Constructivism

S61. Violence, Resistance and Emancipation in World Politics: Comparative Perspectives
S62. War – What Is It Good For?
S63. Worlds of Colonial Violence
S64. Writing International Relations by Other Means: Rethinking the Aesthetic Path

For more information on these sections and their convenors, as well as general information on the conference, please visit the conference website: www.paneuropeanconference.org

Please contact the section chairs for any question regarding their section.

There will be no open section: all paper, panel, and roundtable proposals must fit into the sections listed above and be submitted online to the appropriate sections. A given proposal can be submitted to only one section at a time.

All sections welcome individual paper proposals, and most welcome panel/roundtable proposals as well — please contact section chairs to inquire about this. ***Each 105-minute panel/roundtable should comprise five papers/presenters plus a discussant who will also act as panel/roundtable chair.***

Proposals (with abstracts of **200 words maximum**) must be submitted, **starting 8 December 2014**, via our online submission system: www.conftool.pro/paneuropean2015/

Please note that there will be a ****participation limit**** of **three contributions** per participant — whether as paper giver, roundtable speaker, or discussant/chair (any of these roles counts as one contribution).

***The closing date for paper, panel, and roundtable proposals is
midnight (CET) on 15 January 2015***

For any questions on the conference, please contact us at paneuroconf2015@gmail.com

If you have any technical problems with the online submission system, please contact Elem Eyrice at elem.eyrice@yasar.edu.tr

We look forward to your proposals and to welcoming you in Sicily.

Ian Bruff (Manchester) & Inanna Hamati-Ataya (Aberystwyth)
Programme Chairs

Call for Submissions

Sociological Studies of Children & Youth Volume 20

Sexual Landscapes of Childhood and Youth

Guest Editors

Jessica Clark, Senior Lecturer, University Campus Suffolk, UK
Jessica Fields, Associate Professor, San Francisco State University, USA

[Sociological Studies of Children and Youth](#) announces an edited volume that will chart the sexual landscapes of children's and young people's lives. In contemporary cultures, both sexuality and childhood are presumed to be natural parts of our lives, while also seeming to require our constant vigilance. And, even as they share much, sexuality and childhood often seem to be at odds. Sexuality is positioned as outside of idealized childhoods, threatening to corrupt children's innocence; many imagine the move from childhood to youth to necessarily entail entering a treacherous sexual terrain.

This timely volume will engage the work of scholars committed to interrogating conventional understandings of sexuality, childhood, and youth. Chapters will respond to the positioning of sex and sexuality as ever pervasive and corrosive in children's contemporary lives and the associated social, political and moral debates that emerge. Analyses will foreground sexuality, gender, and race in constructions of childhood and youth and consider the complicated relationship among agency, intimacy, citizenship, and regulation in children's and young people's lives.

The guest editors welcome theoretical papers as well as those that draw on empirical research. We are especially interested in papers that promote the views and experiences of children and young people in a debate where their voices are often peculiarly quiet. We seek papers that resist the impulse to homogenize children, youth, and their sexual worlds by considering multiple masculinities, femininities, and sexualities.

Please contact the guest editors with inquiries: jessica.clark@ucs.ac.uk and jfields@sfsu.edu

Deadline for initial submissions: Monday 2nd March 2015

Manuscripts should be a maximum of 30 pages (14,500 words) including references, adhere to the series [author guidelines](#), and use APA 6th Edition style. Submit manuscripts electronically to jessica.clark@ucs.ac.uk and jfields@sfsu.edu with a subject line "SSCY Volume 20". The guest editors and SSCY editorial board will review all submissions. The deadline for submissions of accepted, revised, final drafts will be Monday 1st June 2015. Publication of the volume will be in Fall 2015.

For more information about SSCY, visit the series homepage at <http://emeraldgroupublishing.com/products/books/series.htm?id=1537-4661>

Call for Submissions

Less Europe, different Europe(s) The controversial discourses of Europe

Comunicazione Politica monograph issue 3/2015
Editor Marinella Belluati (University of Turin)

Feelings of scepticism and criticism towards the project of European integration have been playing a prominent role within the European public space. The 2014 elections in particular turned into an occasion to express the negative moods and growing disaffection together with antipolitical feelings and new forms of populism that are spreading throughout Europe.

The project of European integration, especially at these times of economic crisis, does not seem to be perceived with the same level of positivity with which it was often welcomed in the past. Such positive approach was often too hasty and premature, as demonstrated by the “permissive consensus” thesis. But the critical approach, openly supported by national political parties and populist movements, can hide the real nature of the phenomenon and remove those elements of complexity that help understanding the new season of Europe and Europeism. Alongside Euro sceptical narratives reported in the media and by anti-European party leaders, according to the European statistics the general level of trust in Europe is growing, as it is seen as a form of protection from the crisis while providing possibilities of institutional modernization. Moreover, the evaluation concerning the European institutions and policies is positive as in many countries the EU shows performances that prove more efficient and effective than the national ones.

It would be difficult to argue that the integration phase is not moving forward. There is a process of Europeanization of social systems and public opinions that can be observed more clearly in social practices rather than in cultural elaborations and which progresses notwithstanding political resistance and the lack of ability that media systems show when attempting to narrate it. This process consists in individual experiences, mobility for workers and students, marriages and new unions, integrated communication flows – such as for example the web. This is made possible by the existence of a common currency, a growingly open circulation space and a lingua Franca, English, which supplanted the idea of common language. This engenders a growing need for integrated policies and rules valid across all the EU countries.

But all this is hardly ever found in public and political speeches, reported and reinforced in the media who rather prefer to fuel the rhetoric of a distant and cold Europe to boost their internal consensus, a Europe that is a constraint rather than a resource, a product of banks and bureaucracy rather than a creation of citizens. There is undoubtedly some truth in this, but there is also the systematic removal of a different horizon.

The goal of this monograph is to bring together works that well explain the coexistence of such contrasting tensions. We would like to foreground the structural and narrative elements that keep being an obstacle to the affirmation of the European public sphere and that fuel the European lack of democracy, which is well rooted in the nationalistic rhetoric and the national institutions that are not ready to give up their power. As we often hear, the economic and financial agreements are not enough to create and strengthen a feeling of European citizenship; it is necessary to strengthen the political space and, according to Habermas, the voice of intellectuals who should fight populism and be supported by serious media outlets, to build good social representation. The latest elections legitimized the presence of Euro-sceptical political feelings: even though they have not taken a prominent role in the European institutional architecture – the anti-European parties are experiencing quite a few difficulties in creating coalitions across Euro-parliamentary groups – they are nevertheless letting a negative narrative emerge and this is spreading across politics and influencing the society at large. Still, it must be said that the space of Euro-criticism is ill-defined and lacks cohesion, bringing together extreme positions such as those of the Lega Nord and the Front National, sharing similar definitions, those of the British UKIP or Alba Dorada, openly hostile and contrary to Europe, and those who may be labelled as progressive such as Tzipras Other Europe or the Podemos movement, which gave a voice to the Indignados, together with the new transnational environmentalist or consumerist movements. All these are signals that a cognitive mobilization is taking place around Europe and calls for deeper understanding.

Starting from these tenets, the ComPol monograph is looking forward to collect analytical contributions dialectically exploring the tension between contrasting elements of pressure and resistance to the construction process of a European public space. Contributions focusing on the following topics will be welcomed:

- The 2014 European Elections
- Transnational experience of political organizations and leadership, with an anti-European approach or aiming for a European re-foundation
- The European public sphere building debate and its actors
- The sentiments of trust or mistrust in Europe (quantity and quality approaches).
- The European communication flows (media representation, public communication and integrated media systems)
- The European communication of national public actors (parties, governments, civil society)
- The European deliberation decision processes

An abstract of max 500 words must be sent by 31st January 2015 (compol.rivista@gmail.com).

Proposals will be selected by the 28th February.

Complete manuscripts must be sent by 15th June 2015 and they will be subjected to a double blind peer review.

Proposals and articles are welcome both in Italian and English.

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OPPORTUNITIES

Project Proposal

The Young Generation in an Innovative, Inclusive and Sustainable Europe:

The young as driver of social change

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/h2020/topics/2100-young-4-2015.html>

Deadline: 28-05-2015

Type of Partners searched

- ⊙ At least one major university with history, recognition and expertise in youth related research. This partner's primary responsibility will be to coordinate the design of the questionnaire-based research
- ⊙ Ideally one country-partner per region: Central/Western (UK, Germany, France, Belgium, etc), Eastern (Romania, Poland, Bulgaria etc.), Southern (Spain, Portugal, Italy, Greece, Cyprus etc.), Baltic (Lithuania, Estonia, Latvia), Balkan/Candidate countries (Albania, Turkey, etc), Scandinavian (Finland, Sweden, Norway, etc).
- ⊙ CSOs and/or Youth organizations capable of networking widely with the stakeholders of the project
- ⊙ Organizations (Government or Research) capable of networking with Policy Makers

Short Summary

The proposed project will aim to advance our knowledge about young adults in Europe, their values, norms, expectations, needs and political ambitions.

Through comparison with older generations, research will identify the intergenerational differences regarding the organisation of economic, social, political and private life in Europe.

This will contribute to public policies designed to meet the challenge of transition into a more sustainable economic, political and social model that will at the same time respond to the needs and expectations of young people. It will also identify the areas where education could play a role in shaping attitudes of young people towards the necessary evolution of our lifestyles.

Project Structure

The project will utilize both traditional research methodologies as well as action research and technology supported data collection. Data will be gathered with different means such as with the use of questionnaires, with the use of an online platform (E-Agora) and by engaging the youth in structured democratic dialogues (SDD). The above will allow the comparison of the information gathered by these different techniques.

FWC is an expert in the SDD Methodology. The partners that we seek will need to provide expertise in the design of the traditional data collection and data analysis.

Questionnaires will be delivered in approximately 7 countries with numbers ranging between 500-1500 per country depending on population size. The science partners of this project will however be in charge of designing the questionnaires, deciding the target populations and analysing the results. The actual data collection process will be subcontracted to a professional European consulting and research company.

The Coordinating organization

www.futureworldscenter.org

www.futureworlds.eu

Future Worlds Center (FWC: Legally registered as Cyprus Neuroscience & Technology Institute) is a research, non-profit, non-governmental, non-partisan independent organization active in programs with future orientation in areas related to human brain-modern technology-social transformation and the repercussions of relevant research for humanity.



Founded in 1991

Number of fulltime people: 34

Yearly Budget: ca 1

million; funded projects:

http://www.futureworlds.eu/wiki/List_of_Future_Worlds_Center_Contracts

Scope of activities: Application of technology towards social transformation as well as bridging literacy, economic, and digital divides. It promotes the integration of modern IT in education, scientific research, and peace-enhancing activities in the continents around Cyprus.

Related Expertise: FWC is a world-pioneer in the development and application of the science of Structured Democratic Dialogue (SDD). This methodology aims to harness the power of emerging technologies in order to accelerate positive social change.

Youth-related projects: FWC has envisioned, designed and implemented numerous youth projects:

http://www.futureworlds.eu/wiki/List_of_projects_with_a_youth_dimension

Call for participation

Survey about publication practices and performance measurement practices in science

As part of the FAcS project (www.faces.wi.tum.de/), the Chair for Strategy and Organization (Prof. Isabell M. Welp) at the Technische Universität München, Germany, is currently conducting a survey about **publication practices and performance measurement in science**.

To attain **representative knowledge** about publication practices and performance measurement **across different countries and disciplines** (e.g., sociology), we are particularly interested in your assessment and specifications on this topic.

Participation in this survey will take **approximately 20 minutes**. Participants will be offered the chance to participate in the **raffle for an iPad mini**. Upon request, we will be happy to send you a **summary of the results of the survey**.

Please **click on the following link** (or copy the link into your browser) **to access the survey:** <http://ww3.unipark.de/uc/OA/>.

We would be very happy if you would participate in our survey and contribute to the success of this study.

Should you have any questions or comments or should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact us via e-mail (performance-management.iso.wi@tum.de).

Best regards and cordial thanks in advance,

Jutta Wollersheim, Isabell Welppeand Stefanie Ringelhan

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Call for Applications

CNRS Summer School

Political constructions of Europe New historical and sociological approaches

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Context

The Summer school will bring together senior scholars, postdoctoral students, and Ph.D candidates for an intensive four-day exchange on new historical and sociological approaches to European Studies. The school will be held in the extraordinary setting of the Moulin d'Andée (<http://www.moulinande.com>) located on the banks of the Seine in Normandy, one hour outside of Paris. It will be a unique opportunity for in-depth empirical, methodological and conceptual discussions on the study of the European Union and an occasion to strengthen and broaden existing European networks of scholars.

The Summer school will take stock of the rapid evolutions of the past 10 years in the field of EU studies and will sketch out shared research agendas. Until quite recently, work in history, political science and sociology developed quite independently, but disciplinary boundaries have gradually softened and shifted. A number of political scientists developed approaches inspired by political sociology and socio-historical perspectives ; simultaneously, a new historiography of European integration has emerged with a generation of historians from Germany, Denmark, France and elsewhere, who developed and explored more sociological perspectives and methods (transnational networks, field theory, etc...). These historians have called for closer collaboration between the disciplines as a way to renew the field of EU studies and study the blind spots of existing paradigms.

Sociology had until recently remained on the sidelines, but recent research on professions and configurations of elites in their relationship to the “European project” have provided new avenues for closer cooperation with political sociology and history.

Overall, these innovations have generated several new insights: a more historically grounded perspective which places contemporary transformations in their context of historical possibility; a more actor-centered orientation which questions the porosity of social spaces affected by European institutions while embedding “European actors” in wider social spaces; a more empirically-focused research agenda, opening black boxes and conceptualizing central ideas of the European process as the result of actor mobilization and legitimation strategies; last but not least, a more reflexive posture able to question forms of entanglement and circulation between an emerging transnational academic field and EU-implicated fields.

Objectives

The residential Summer school follows three objectives. The first is the diffusion of new research concepts, methods and research techniques which have developed in parallel within the different disciplines (historical sociology, field-theory, prosopography, articulation between quantitative and qualitative methodologies, etc.). The second is the development of forms of reflexivity of EU academics, a domain which has remained for the most part a blind spot of EU Studies, but which has recently become a topic of research interest regarding the “making of the European Union”. The third is to consolidate and to take stock of recent developments in cross-disciplinary research and identify some shared research agendas and objects for future research.

Organization

The Summer school will be organized around 6 half-day themes and a final round table spanning over 4 days (9-12 June 2015). Each half-day (3 hours) will be dedicated to a theme which will follow the same structure: a keynote presentation of 45 minutes by a senior researcher will focus on the state of the art, methodological questions, research practice and perspectives; a discussion of two or three papers which operationalize the concept or method being discussed; an open discussion with all the participants. The sessions will be structured as follows:

- 1) *Socio-historical approach of EU polity formation*
- 2) *EU Studies and the “European project”: “dangerous liaisons”?*
- 3) *Field-theory in Brussels: opportunities and difficulties*
- 4) *Sociography and prosopography of European actors*
- 5) *Studying European public spaces*
- 6) *Transnational circulations and transfers*
- 7) *Final Round table*

Application process

The Summer school is open to all members of the European academic community interested in developing their skills or participating in these interdisciplinary discussions and perspectives. This includes senior researchers or lecturers, post-doctoral students, PhD students and research engineers. We plan to bring together a total of 30-35 participants. **Discussions will be held in French and English.**

Please send a CV and one-page description of current research topics to the organizers (georgakakis@univ-paris1.fr; jay.rowell@misha.fr; vauchez@univ-paris1.fr) by February 1, 2015. Participants will be rapidly informed and paper givers will be asked to send their papers by May 15, 2015.

Inscription fees are 150€ for senior researchers and 75€ for PhD students and Postdoctoral researchers. **All travel costs, lodging and food will be covered by the organizers.**

Call for Applications

Winter School 2015

Democracy, expertise and power: the role of experts in modern European societies

7 - 15 FEBRUARY 2015, Kraków, Poland

This Winter School takes as its point of departure the increasing role of experts and expertise in democracies.

Who is an expert? What is knowledge? How can we reconcile expertise with various types of democracy?

What is the role of academia in contemporary society and what are the implications of public-private partnership?

What is the role of mass/social media in developing social movements and democracy?

MEET SPECIALISTS FROM KRAKÓW AND OSLO.

STUDY AND DISCUSS. GET THE ANSWERS.

ELIGIBILITY:

- All countries' MA, Phd students as well as alumni or participants interested in the topic.

COSTS:

- No participation fee
- Accommodation, winter school materials, participation in seminars covered by organizers

APPLICATION: Due to the limited places, the participants will be chosen basis on the application. The application is available [here](#) and it should be send together with CV in [Europass format](#) by **December 30th 2014** on the e-mail address: resproject@ces.uj.edu.pl . The results will be announced in the first week of January 2015.

ECTS POINTS: 5

THE PROGRAMME OF LECTURES AND WORKSHOPS is now available [here](#).

The project is supported by a grant from Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway through the EEA and Norway Grants and co-financed by the Polish funds.

The project is led by the Centre for European Studies, Jagiellonian University, Kraków, Poland in collaboration with ARENA Centre for European Studies, University of Oslo, Norway.

More information: <http://www.ces.uj.edu.pl/winter-school-2015>

Call for Applications

“la Caixa” Prize in Social Sciences

Objectives of the prize

The aim of the “la Caixa” Prize in Social Sciences is to advance analysis and debate on the transformations that contemporary society faces. This could relate to social, environmental, technological and health related challenges, or a combination of this. Through this competition, “la Caixa” will reward studies of proven scientific and academic quality and will contribute to their dissemination by publishing them.

Requirements

- Participant studies will focus on the social context from a Spanish or international comparative perspective.
- The studies must include an analysis of empirical data generated by the author/ authors, although studies which analyze empirical data obtained from secondary sources will also be accepted.
- Work that has been previously published or awarded a similar prize will not be accepted.
- Studies must be finished and ready for publication.
- Studies can be submitted in English, Spanish or Catalan.
- Submissions must be around 145,000 characters (spaces included).

Candidates

The prize is aimed at both researchers or research groups linked to a university institution or a public or private research body.

Topics

Primary consideration will be given to studies within the following research frameworks:

Social change and the life course

Studies regarding the analysis of social change in certain life stages or related to principal life transitions in family contexts.

Social cohesion

Studies that analyse social exclusion and its determinants, as well as its manifestations in poverty, isolation, marginalization and violence.

Education and citizenship

Studies aimed at the analysis of the role of formal and informal education in the formation of citizenry and in civic, political and associative participation, as well as in the building of competencies for active citizenship.

Health and quality of life

Studies related to public health, quality of life, the welfare of individuals and populations, the prevention of illness and improving the health care system.

Information Society

Studies that analyze the social impact in the public and private spheres of information and communication technologies (ICT), access to ICT or their new uses and applications.

Urban planning, the environment and sustainable development

Studies related to the social dimension of sustainable development and the interrelationships between the environment, ecological crisis and the production and use of resources.

Globalization, poverty and social exclusion

Studies that analyze, with an international approach, the impact on poverty and inequality resulting from globalization and the growing socioeconomic interdependencies.

Presentation of studies

The studies must follow the rules for presentation of original texts and style found at http://obrasocial.lacaixa.es/laCaixaFoundation/socialsciences_en.html, in the section corresponding to the prize.

The study should be sent as a PDF document to the following email: social-studies@fundacionlacaixa.org. The name or names of the author or authors must not be included anywhere in the document. In addition, the following documents (also in PDF format, identified only by the title of the study and without any names or personal data) must also be submitted:

- An abstract of the study of no more than 1,000 characters.
- An outline of the potential social impact of the results of the study.

Furthermore, these two identification documents must also be submitted in PDF format:

- A letter with the title of the study and personal and professional information regarding the author or authors. The letter must express the candidate's intention to participate in the competition for the social science prize and acceptance of the rules regarding the awarding of the prize as well as of the decision of the jury. It must also include a statement indicating that the work has not been previously published and, in the case of being awarded the prize, granting all publishing rights to "la Caixa" Welfare Projects. The author must sign the letter; if the authorship is collective, all the authors must sign.
- A brief professional curriculum vitae for all the authors, including publications and competitive research projects related to the topic of the project they have participated in during the last five years (no more than 2,500 characters per author).

The author or authors will only be identified once the jury has awarded the prize. The identities of the authors will remain unknown to the jury as they examine the studies.

Deadline for online submission

The deadline for the entry of works will be 31 March 2015.

Granting and publicizing of the prize

The prize is 15,000 euros and includes the publication of the winning study.

The award-winning study will undergo a process of peer review and, if necessary, will be revised by the authors.

The prize will be paid in two instalments: 50% when the decision of the jury is made public and the other 50% when "la Caixa" Welfare Projects grants approval for the publication of the study.

The award of the prize implies, in all cases, granting all rights to the work for its publication in any medium or language. "la Caixa" Welfare Projects may authorize the authors to carry out adaptations or subsequent editions of the work as long as the awarding of the prize by "la Caixa" is mentioned.

In the case of multiple authors, the authors will indicate what percentage of the prize corresponds to each. If not indicated, it is understood that the prize will be shared equally among all of the authors.

The prize is subject to the withholding of taxes established by current legislation.

Jury and resolution

The jury will be comprised of experts from different fields in the social sciences. The decision of the jury will be made by a simple majority and is final. By agreeing to participate, candidates waive any challenge to the decision of the jury or any action against these criteria. The award may be declared void at the discretion of the jury.

The jury's decision will be communicated by email to all candidates on 15 May 2015. The prize-winning author or authors may not make public statements regarding their work or make known its results and conclusions until the study is published.

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Call for Papers

2nd WWWforEurope Best Paper Award

Extended Deadline

Europe needs a change. Within the project Welfare, Wealth and Work for Europe (WWWforEurope) a group of 34 research institutions has taken up the task to design a sustainable and inclusive growth and development path for Europe. Now the program is approaching its decisive final phase. Some topics which have proven to be important are considerably under researched in the literature and, also, in the project.

Therefore we would like to stimulate research and/or gather existing research results on these issues and encourage the submission of research papers along the following lines:

- Increasing resilience of the economic and financial system (including the role of finance for the real economy)
- Financing the welfare state in a low growth scenario
- Options to reduce working time (who, how, why, enforcement) in a low growth scenario
- The implications of low growth for distribution (including gender aspects), social mobility, and openness
- Case studies of social and economic consequences of low growth (e.g. Italy, Japan)

The most convincing paper both in terms of academic quality and policy relevance will be selected by a high-level international jury and presented with the 2nd WWWforEurope Best Paper Award during the second WWWforEurope Feedback Conference in Vienna on May 6th, 2015.

A special prize for the best work of a young researcher (age 34 or younger) also will be granted. Doctoral and Master theses are also accepted.

In addition, we offer the possibility to publish selected papers as WWWforEurope policy papers, which will raise their visibility among policy makers and will provide for their inclusion in the synthesis report of the WWWforEurope project.

Full papers should be sent in a PDF format to wwwforeurope-area6@wifo.ac.at.

Important dates:

- **Submission of papers: February 15th, 2015**
- **Notification of the winners: March 27th, 2015**
- **Presentation of the Best Paper Award: May 6th, 2015**

The winners of the Best Paper Awards will be invited to attend the second WWWforEurope Feedback Conference in Vienna and present their papers there. Their travel and accommodation expenses will be covered by the project consortium.

About Welfare, Wealth and Work for Europe – WWWforEurope

Currently Europe is confronted with challenges of multiple dimensions – high and persistent unemployment nurturing social tensions, low growth and high public debt in the aftermath of the financial crisis, along with the challenges posed by globalisation, technological innovation, climate change, resource depletion and demographic shifts.

Within the project Welfare, Wealth and Work for Europe (WWWforEurope) a European research consortium sets out to lay the theoretical foundations for setting Europe on a sustainable and inclusive growth and development path. WWWforEurope is a four year project lasting from 2012 to 2016 within the 7th Framework Programme funded by the European Commission. The consortium is coordinated by the Austrian Institute of Economic Research (WIFO) and brings together researchers from 34 scientific institutions in 12 European countries with interdisciplinary expertise from economics and ecology to history, demography, political science and gender research.

The research project aspires to place Europe at the forefront of a socio-ecological transition, which will secure economic prosperity for all without compromising the social and ecological needs of the present and future generations. Emphasis will be placed on the need and the possibility to reconcile economic, environmental and social objectives and their relevance for policy action. The vision is that Europe should become a role model for a new growth and development strategy, which embraces high levels of employment, social inclusion, gender equality and environmental sustainability in an ambitious, forward looking way. Several important research outputs are already available, ranging from policy recommendations on European governance, several papers on a strategy change for Southern Europe to a redefinition of competitiveness emphasising not only the achievement of economic but also of environmental and social goals. Altogether, currently about 100 research papers can be downloaded on the project homepage www.foreurope.eu.

The second WWWforEurope Feedback Conference in Vienna on May 5th and 6th, 2015, at which the Best Paper Award will be presented, marks the beginning of the synthesis phase of the project. It seeks to provide an interdisciplinary forum for discussion and assessment of the research progress made so far and to reflect on the development of strategies on the way forward. Therefore it offers a unique opportunity for researchers from outside the project consortium to enrich the project with innovative research input.

For details on WWWforEurope see: www.foreurope.eu